



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Centrex for DACT Reporting		
Code Section(s)	§5-5.3.2.1.1, NFPA 72 (1999)		
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Is a Centrex-type service provided by the telephone company allowable for use as (digital alarm communicator transmitter) reporting?

Yes. NFPA 72 (1999), Section 5-5.3.2.1.1 requires the DACT be connected to a public telephone system “loop start telephone circuit” upstream of any private telephone equipment at the protected premises. All telephone switching equipment for the telephone lines being used by the DACT must be located at, and maintained by, the telephone company.